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SUBJECT: IRAQI-ARAB STATES RELATIONS

REFS: A. TEHRAN 7510, B. STATE 170249, C. TEHRAN 7642

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. WE PREPARED OUR OWN CURRENT ASSESSMENT ON IRAQ IN RESPONSE ALAM'S APPROACH TO EMBASSY AND HIS REQUEST FOR OUR INTERVENTION WITH EGYPT (REF A). WE ASSUME HE WILL BE INTERESTED IN OUR OWN READING AND SEE SOME VALUE IN SHARING IT WITH HIM, UNLESS YOU SEE OVERRIDING REASONS NOT TO DO SO. IF YOU DECIDE TO DO SO, PARA. 3 OF REF B SHOULD BE INTEGRAL PART OF YOUR PRESENTATION. YOU WILL WANT TO STRESS THAT OUR ASSESSMENT IS TENTATIVE AND CAUTIOUS, NOTING THAT WE ARE AWARE IT VARIES WITH THAT OF IRAN BUT THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE SHARED IN CONFIDENCE IN CONTEXT OF OUR CLOSE TIES AND MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS.

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2. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE PROMINENT ROLE SOVIETS CONTINUE

PLAY IN IRAQ AND POTENTIAL THEY HAVE FOR MISCHIEF IN
AREA. IN SUM, WE HAVE DRAWN NO HARD CONCLUSIONS AND WILL
CONTINUE MONITOR IRAQI DEVELOPMENTS VERY CAREFULLY.

3. YOU COULD TELL ALAM WE WOULD WELCOME CONTINUING
EXCHANGE WITH GOI ON THIS SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST
TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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